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CONTROLLING THE APPARATUS  
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**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.97**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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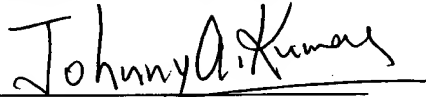
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Document A1 discloses a print job management system which operates based on priority thereby increasing efficiency.

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	<b>A1</b>	<b>11-232060</b>	<b>8-27-1999</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>

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